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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chief, Intelligence Law Division
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FROM:

Legislation Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

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SUBJECT:

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REFERENCE:

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6 Code is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

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2 **access devices**

3 **"(a) Whoever—**

4 **"(1) knowingly and without lawful authority pro-**
5 **duces, buys, sells, or transfers a fraudulent access**
6 **device; or**

7 **"(2) knowingly produces, buys, sells, transfers, or**
8 **possesses device-making equipment, with the intent**
9 **that such equipment be used in the production of a**
10 **fraudulent access device;**

11 **and thereby affects interstate or foreign commerce, and either**
12 **obtains by means of such conduct anything of a value aggre-**
13 **gating \$5,000 or more during any one year period, or pos-**
14 **sesses ten or more fraudulent access devices in connection**
15 **with such conduct shall be punished as provided in subsection**
16 **(c) of this section.**

17 **"(b) Whoever attempts to commit an offense under sub-**
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19 **subsection (c) of this section.**

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7 case of a second or subsequent offense under this sec-
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10 to any other agency having such authority, have the authori-
11 ty to investigate offenses under this section.

12 “(e) As used in this section—

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14 plate, code, account number, or other means of account
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9 “(a) Whoever—

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